

REMARKS

Applicants request reconsideration and further examination of this application.

Applicants have amended Claim 19 to address the Examiner’s objection to Claim 19 regarding the second use of “comprise.”

Applicants appreciate the indication that Claims 17 - 20 are allowable if rewritten to independent form including the limitation of the base claim and any intervening claims, and, in the case of Claim 19, to solve the objection. Applicants have amended Claims 17, 18, and 20 into independent form, and left Claim 19 dependent upon Claim 18. Thus, these claims are now allowable.

Regarding the various rejections by the Examiner of claims under the judicially-created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting, in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,332,229 alone or combined with Katrinecz, Jr. (US 6,199,996), Fenner (US 5,997,901) or Novak (US 6,357,887) Applicants and the undersigned agent do not necessarily agree with the Examiner's analysis, and do not agree with all the information and opinions in the Examiner's comments and charts. However, to obviate these obviousness-type judicially-created double patenting rejections, the owner of U.S. Patent No. 6,332,229 and this application herewith submit a Terminal Disclaimer, signed by the undersigned agent, with the appropriate fee.

Applicants also herewith submit the appropriate fee for additional independent claims caused by the amendments herein.

Applicants now believe the application, and all the claims, are in condition for allowance and respectfully request the same.

Respectfully submitted,

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